

Capitol Region Fire Chiefs Association (CRFCA)
ESF-4
April 16, 2009 Minutes

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Location: CTANG FD Bradley Int'l Airport,

Convene: This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President William Austin.

Attendance: William Austin (WHFD), Douglas Whalen (Bradley Int'l Airport FD), William Perez (EHFD), Tom Lapierre(NFD), Frank Papa (NFD), Art Gold (BHFD), Robert Farmer (BHFD), James Barton (WPF), Don Zessin (EGFD), Dave Czlapinski (FFD), Dave Tobias (NBF), John Horr (LAFD), Robert Cross (CTANGFD), Tom Bellmore (SFD), Richard Giansanti (SWFD), Larry Skilton (SWFD), Mike Varney (EFD), Dave Lucia (SFD), Bill Riley 9BFD), Roger Nelson (BFD), Gary Ruggerio (WLFD).

Public Comments: no public comments

Minutes of previous meeting: February Meeting minutes, motion to approve minutes (Czlapinski/Riley), Approved. March Meeting minutes, motion to approve (Czlapinski/Zessin), Approved.

Treasurers Report: Checking account: \$2,834.48, Savings account \$1,720.89, 1yr CD \$5,138.95 for a total of \$9,694.32. Motion to accept report (Skilton/Zessin) Approved.

Old Business:

Coordinating council meeting minutes- Minutes of the April 9th meeting were distributed.

New Business

Annual Dinner meeting- The Annual dinner meeting will be held on June 18th at the Hook & Ladder, 207 Main Street, Hartford. The dinner will be a choice of Chicken/Fish/Steak. RSVP is required so we can get a count to the Restaurant. RSVP to dwhalen@bradleyairport.com

WEB EOC Training- there will be continued WEB EOC training monthly, training dates will be between May 28th & June 25th. The class is 3-hours long and a very informative program for Chief Officers.

CREPC training Request- CREPC has put a request in for \$32,000.00 in training funds to offset approved training programs for Career & Volunteer fire departments

ICS 300 there will be an ICS 300 training program at the AMR office on Shield St. West Hartford on May 11th & 13th.

Resource typing- ESF-4 has completed the resource typing and Chief Austin wanted to thank everyone for reporting their resources. ESF-4 is 100% complete in our region.

CAPTAIN MDT system- a handout was distributed to everyone in attendance describing how to go forward with the CAPTAIN MDT system install. The first step is to contact telepartner at 1-888-935-6698. More handouts will be available at the May meeting. If your Town/City is ready to go on-line with the MDT system you MUST follow the directions on the handout.

Aerial Strike teams- A motion was made to form a South/North/Tolland Aerial strike team & South/North/Tolland Heavy Duty Rescue strike team for the region. Motion (Varney/Lapierre). Motion passed. We will need someone to head up each of these teams and put together the program in compliance with the State Fire Emergency Plan.

AD HOC- An ADHOC committee will be formed for the annual election of Officers at the June meeting. Chief Austin is looking for volunteers to work on this committee.

Harvard Fire Executive Program- Chief Austin reported that FEMA selected Chief Matt Carr for the Harvard Fire Executive course. Congratulations and good luck to Chief Carr.

Congressional caucus dinner- Chief Austin and some other Chiefs attended the Washington DC Congressional caucus dinner and represented the CRFCA membership.

DECON trailers- Chief Ruggerio reported Nichols fire apparatus is out of business but there are two other vendors in place to service the DECON trailers.

Camp Hartell Training Facility- there is a new training facility that is in the process of being built at Camp Hartell, Windsor Locks off Route 75. This facility will be in conjunction with DPH & DEMHS. This facility will have full trench rescue operations, rail emergency programs and other types of training. A fall opening is planned.

Grants- Chief Mike Varney reported that the region received a \$100,000.00 grant for communications, the City of Hartford received a \$834,000.00 grant, West Hartford received a \$400,000.00 grant for communications.

New Apparatus- West Hartford received delivery of a new \$900,000.00 Crimson Quint fire apparatus. It will be placed in service in a few months. Warehouse Point FD received a new pumper.

New England Fire Expo- the New England Fire Chief's Exposition is scheduled for June 24th – 27th at the Big E, it was also noted that the Fire Rescue International is in Dallas, Texas on August 24th – 28th.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Whalen
CRFCA Secretary/Treasurer